

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 10 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 7-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and the subject matter of these claims have been incorporated into claim 1.

Specification Objection

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Particularly, the Examiner states that on page 15 of the specification both the guide grooves 19 and slide grooves 21 are described as changing devices, and that this causes confusion.

Applicant respectfully disagrees that the specification causes confusion and submits that the specification does provide a proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The specification teaches that guide grooves 19 and slide grooves 21 are both changing devices. That is, changing device is a broader term of which guide grooves 19 and slide grooves 21 are particular types. Accordingly, the changing device of claim 1 could be one of the exemplary embodiments of changing devices provided by the specification, such as guide grooves 19 or slide grooves, or may be another changing device. Applicant submits that the specification is clear in this regard and that the term in claim 1 is clear. Accordingly Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the specification.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to claims 7 and 9 as being in improper form. Claims 7 and 9 have been canceled, rendering this objection moot.

Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 1 and is now in proper form.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner treat claim 10 on the merits.

Claim 2 is objected to because of an informality. Applicant has amended claim 2 to overcome the objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10-51712 (hereinafter “JP ‘712”). Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 7-9. Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable for the recitations contained therein. For example, JP ‘712 fails to disclose a pushing device, a changing device and a roller as claimed in combination with the other elements set forth in claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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